

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's farmers and ranchers provide the food, feed, fiber, and fuel that consumers depend on; and,

Whereas, Agriculture provides components of hundreds of other consumer products, including cosmetics, newspaper ink, insulin, tires, and many more; and,

Whereas, One South Dakota producer raises enough food to feed 155 people in the United States and abroad; and,

Whereas, Agriculture and its associated industries employ over 143 thousand South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is home to more than 46,000 farmers and ranchers, and more than 43 million acres—90 percent of the state's total land area—is dedicated to agriculture; and,

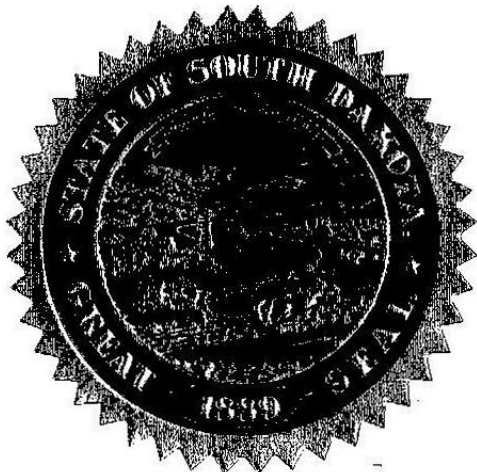
Whereas, South Dakota ranks in the top ten states nationally in the production of corn, wheat, hay, sunflowers, oats, flaxseed, soybeans, honey, sheep, pigs, and cattle, and is also the nation's largest producer of bison and pheasant; and,

Whereas, Agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry, and has a \$20.7 billion economic impact each year, generating one-third of our state's economic activity:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 13-19, 2011, as

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in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State